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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 206
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A RESOLUTION to honor the University of Memphis basketball star, Shannon Forman, on leading the Tigers to the semifinals of the TiVo National Invitational Tournament.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly was very pleased to see a tremendous resurgence in the University of Memphis basketball program during the exciting 2000-2001 season; and

WHEREAS, This memorable season included 21 victories, a third place finish in the TiVo National Invitational Tournament, a third place tie in the final Conference USA standings and an appearance in the Conference USA Tournament semifinals; and

WHEREAS, A primary reason for the success of Memphis this season was the excellent play of the 6'-5" inch Senior forward Shannon Forman; and

WHEREAS, In the final two NIT games, this shooting sensation had 16 points in one game and 17 in the other, while shooting a phenomenal 65% from the field; and

WHEREAS, His overall 2000-2001 season average was 10 points, 4.7 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game, while making 43.5% of his field goals; and

WHEREAS, A blue collar native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Shannon was second in team scoring and had a remarkable 76 assists; and

WHEREAS, Shannon started 65 of 67 games played while he was at Memphis; and

WHEREAS, University of Memphis Head Coach, John Calipari, paid tribute to Shannon stating "When you think about toughness, you talk about Shannon. He can do all the dirty work. He goes and gets rebounds, he hits open shots and plays hard every moment he's out there"; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend Shannon Forman, reflecting fondly on his exceptional career and countless contributions to the University of Memphis basketball program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Shannon Forman and wish him well in his future endeavors. He is truly a player that will long be remembered by Tiger fans and Tennesseans who enjoy great basketball.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.